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NEW COUNCIL MEET

The Village Council for 1914 met for their first session last Monday evening, Jan. 5th, in the Council Chamber. Present, T. R. McCorkell, P. Neis and H. J. Raymer, and a number of ratepayers. The following business was transacted:

Neis-McCorkell.—That T. R. McCorkell be chairman of the Council for 1914.

Neis-Raymer.—That the Council postpone the appointment of a Secretary-treasurer until the next meeting.

Raymer-Neis.—That note for \$2,500 at Bank of Commerce be paid.

Neis-Raymer.—That the J. and J. Taylor Co. be paid \$105.50 on safe.

Raymer-Neis.—That the Western Municipal News bill for \$11.00 be paid.

Neis-Raymer.—That Ike Barton be given a job clearing brush on Arthur street, at 25 cents an hour.

Raymer-Neis.—That the erection of a guard-rail where side-walks are high, be left to the chairman; also the filling of holes in the road, near Fred Dowswell's house.

Raymer-Neis.—That the Tax Enforcement return be proceeded with at once, according to the Village Act.

A short discussion on fire protection followed, dealing with the hydrants now installed; a suitable place to keep and dry hose that may be purchased, etc.

Neis-Raymer.—That the secretary write a fire hose firm in Calgary, asking them to send a representative to Mirror for the purpose of securing the correct hose couplings, &c.

Council adjourned.

LOCAL NEWS

R. W. J. Christie, travelling auditor for the G. T. P., was in town for a couple of days this week.

Chas. A. Suggett was a business visitor in Calgary for several days this week.

Four G. T. P. standard engines and a snow plow were shipped from Transcona, Man.

Prince Rupert, B. C., the last week in December. Two of the engines were in use on construction work last summer south of Mirror. The engines were transferred to the C. P. R. at Kamloops.

Word has been received from Harold E. Stevenson, that he has been confined to his bed with an attack of pneumonia, at his home in Broughton, Ont. We are pleased to state that he is now recovering.

Brace, Alta.—The people of Brace are quite indignant at the G. T. P. Ry. for taking away our agent. This will mean a double loss, as we will be without an agent and will also lose our genial friend, P. L. Harper.

There was no nomination for councillor last Monday, Jan. 5, in Local Improvement District, 308, Division No. 6. The nominations were called for at the residence of J. C. Simpson. J. J. Cairns was the councillor last year.

Mrs. L. S. Olsen is confined to the house with an attack of tonsillitis.

R. M. Herniman and Hugh Stevenson paid Stettler a visit this week.

BARTLEY.—In Calgary, Alta., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bartley, of Mirrora, a daughter.

T. S. Little, of Ft. Frances, Ont., arrived in town this week to take charge of the Mirror branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Mr. Bossom, who has been acting manager for several months, left this (Friday) morning for Lloydminster, Alta., and from there will go to Prince Albert, Sask.

When you hear a man sneering at the local papers, you can safely bet he doesn't spend his time making them better. They who don't see a benefit arising to a town from its news papers haven't as much sense as a oyster, and are of about as much value to a town as a ten-year-old delinquent.

Start your children right by seeing that they attend school from the beginning to the end of the term. You owe them a good education and they can get it if you see that they are in school.

There are very few "House for Rent" signs to be seen in our town. That is a proof of growth and prosperity, because an indication of a town's honesty ought to be provided for the people who would move here, if houses could be rented. A number of cozy and attractive cottages that can be rented at a reasonable figure is what we need.

A change in the times of arrival of the local passenger train went into effect this week and instead of arriving at 10:15, the train reaches Mirror at 11:25, leaving Edmonton at 6:25. The hour of departure has not been altered, and remains the same, viz., 7:30 a. m.

BASHAW BUDGET

Xmas has come and gone and Jack Frost acted the true spokesman he generally is, by giving us real reasonable weather. Business coming to the town was fair and under the circumstances the merchants had nothing to complain of, in fact we understand one or two were more than pleased with the support given them.

Miss Marshall left for Edmonton on a visit to her sister, who resides there.

The Methodist Church with its many supporters gave the children of the village a merry evening and a Xmas tree.

The Bashaw Hockey Club met Whitebrush on the local rink Saturday night, the game ending in a draw. The local fans apparently give little heed which way the game goes as long as they receive value for their money.

The Church of England's New Year's party was well patronized, and Rev. Creighton and his lady helpers are to be congratulated on their efforts. Owing to a number of the artists not turning up, the programme was considerably shortened; the children apparently had a royal time, though.

Who is it that says a scribe fails in his attempt to catch the reader's eye, when he merely asserts what is the plain unvarnished truth?—Last week's correspondent to The Journal for Bashaw news, was approached by a certain young bachelor, regarding a certain item—which—although he the frate gentleman admitted was the truth—appeared in The Journal in connection with the late leader of the Busy Bees at Bashaw. We assume that there will always be some people who are over-sensitive, and in many cases such subjects are an easy mark for those people—of little minds—desirous of nothing more than creating visionary troubles. The case in question was the truth, and the writer had no other object in mind than to compliment the person in question. Possibly the many readers of The Journal were not aware that such a useful organization was in vogue, and we believe we are right in saying that the aims of the Busy Bee movement was to inculcate the principle of allowing the opposite sexes of the younger inhabitants of the village to meet together in such a way as would tend to elevate their ideas concerning one another. The writer would very forcibly remark that the movement was looked upon by him as a worthy one, inasmuch that it is an undoubted fact the world over, both in cities large and small, that not sufficient opportunities are available for the people to meet one another without recourse to public dance halls and other such places of recreation, where due consideration is not given to the mental effect on the visitors. In conclusion, we would give it our opinion, that such organizations are the antithesis of women's suffrage, such as exemplified today.

Bashaw, Jan. 2, 1914.

A. G. Holland is on the sick list with a severe cold.

Clayton Kehoe returned this week from a visit to Edson, Alta.

Mrs. Ed. Bray is home from the General Hospital in Edmonton, much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fischer, and daughter, Miss Clara, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kiesel for several days last week. Mrs. Kiesel is a daughter.

Clyde Pitman has taken over the barber business in the Star Pool room, formerly conducted by A. Tucker.

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1914

Nineteen hundred and thirteen
has been handed a knock-out
and is now all in. What
bad habit, vice, or objectionable
practice are you going to soak
in the slats and lay on the
shelf for the new year? Every
weak-minded fool in the world
can make New Year resolutions
and keep them until he runs
into temptation; if you are one
of these, this little bit of advice
is not for your benefit, but for
those with a little more sense
and backbone who have not
done this. They should cut out
something, and might start the
new year in the same old way
if they were not reminded.
Every tick of the clock counts a
second off your life; and every
year you live, carries you nearer
the year in which you will
die. Don't you think it was
time you were getting a little
better, time to cut out some-
thing? We don't ask you to
be a saint, but just try a little
self-restraint. The exceptionally
good man is generally crazy,
while the very bad man has a bug.
Just try to be rational and you will be
good enough.

If you are a booze-fighter,
let it up; cut it down to about
ten drinks a day; be rational.
If you swear, swear off.

If you are a cigarette fiend,
go easy; substitute iodine for
your fingers instead of nicotine.

If you are close and stingy,
open up, no one is trying to
stick it into you.

If you have a grouch, try to
smile; your face won't crack.

If you think you know it all
don't put everybody wise.

If you are poor, hustle.

If you are rich, shake!

If you are happy, you're
lucky!

But no matter what you are
don't be somebody else.

Travelling Libraries

So strong is the demand for
the travelling libraries being
sent out by the department of
extension of the University of
Alberta that the supply originally
provided is completely exhausted.
As many as six applications
for libraries have been received by one mail.
Steps are being taken to in-
crease the number of libraries
available immediately so that
all applications may be favor-
ably dealt with.

The Shortest Day of Year

December 21 is commonly
supposed to be the shortest day
of the year. Though you learned
it in school about this, this is
not accurate, according to
weather statistics. There is no
shortest day. There are ten
days on which there are only
eight hours and thirty minutes
of sunshine. These are the
shortest days of the year.
Another fact that the lengthening out
process begins.

Eight of these days form
something of a freak, for seven of
them are all together, then there
is a break of a day on which the
sunshine hours are lengthened by one minute, and the
eighth day comes next. The
seven days that are all in a row
are the 18th to the 24th inclusive.
Another curious fact is that
for 11 days the days are shortening
only at one end, that being at sunrise.
The sun sets at the same time on
these days. This happens from the
6th to the 18th inclusive. During
these days there are two
days—the 15th and 19th—on
which the sun rises at the same time
and sets at the same time.

A Mistake

The farmers of Canada are
said to be organizing on a gigantic
scale to eliminate the middle man from business.
But that is a waste of energy
and time. Suppose the middle
man was eliminated, the farmer
would be little better off. It is
the organized monopolists that are
sucking the life blood out of
the country. It is not the
middleman—not the retail
dealers, at any rate. How
many merchants in the towns
and villages of this province
have ever acquired wealth, from
big profits? They are not
monopolists. Yet these are the
men who suffer from organization
of farmers to eliminate the
middleman—these men who
have given credit and waited
long in many cases for their
pay. Now, if the farmers
would only organize to resist
special privilege in every form
—to put a stop to exemptions
from taxation and to make
every corporation pay for what
it gets from the public, there
would be something gained.
The farmer pays more every
year in exactions by protected
manufacturers than all the
profits of middlemen amount to;
yet farmers will vote for
these special privileges being
continued and will organize to
drive retail merchants out of
business. We cannot see the
justice of this. But we do believe
in cooperation to relieve
the people of every unnecessary
burden—Neepawa Press.

Dollars in Dairying

In a bulletin issued by the
Wisconsin Bankers Association,
some interesting figures are
quoted regarding the performance
of a number of dairy cows
in the University herd.
Three groups of cows receiving
the same care and attention
gave an average profit over ex-
penses of \$70.84, \$42.18 and
\$10.91 per year per cow. And
yet some dairymen will not
test their cows. Mr. George C.
Humphrey of the College of
Agriculture of the University of
Wisconsin says in commenting
on the above results, "To
become skilful and successful
in the care, feeding, selecting
and breeding of dairy cows
means to be successful in the
business of dairying."

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It came, after countless experiments, with all its strength of volume,
sweetness of tone and lasting endurance. To bring out the
remarkable tone of this new record demanded a new repro-
ducer. He invented it—the Diamond Phonograph.

With it there is none of the
annoyance of changing the needle
after each record. The diamond
is as much a part of the phonograph
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Be Prepared For Spring Seeding

Now is the time for farmers to consider the question of a good seed grain supply for next spring.

The greater part of the grain in the West was harvested under ideal conditions last fall and little difficulty should be met with in getting seed of strong vitality. Notwithstanding this there are some individuals and even sections of the Western Provinces that were not so fortunate at harvest time and now have seed of doubtful vitality in their granaries for the spring seeding.

Seed of strong vitality makes a good start, helps to keep down the weeds, and finally gives the big yield; while seed of poor vitality is a sure loss. Therefore every farmer who suspects the vitality of his seed should send a sample to the Dominion Government Seed Laboratory, Calgary, for a germination test. In order that the report of this test may be of greatest value to the sender, preparatory to sending the sample he should first clean his seed as for seeding. Too often seed that is badly contaminated with weed seed is sown.

Every year the proportion of Western wheat and oats which contains wild oats is increasing. Such grain must take a lower grade because no satisfactory method of separating it has been devised.

Samples of grain containing 15% of weed seeds are only too common: this amounts to approximately 200 bushels of waste per car. When the cost of threshing, handling and freight on this needless material is added to the loss occasioned by the injury to the growing crop, the net profit is here in very materially lessened.

Flax is the most badly contaminated seed which the farmer sows, and since it is usually sown on new breaking his land is practically ruined at the start. Farmers who have clean farms, or farms free from some of the most troublesome weeds—wild oats, stinkweed, false flax, bad mustard, tumbling mustard, etc., should be very careful to sow only clean seed.

The Seed Laboratory at Calgary is at the disposal of the farmers of the public, and it is hoped that they will make use of it in their effort to obtain a pure seed.

In former years most of the samples have come in to be tested in March and April, overtaxing the capacity of the Laboratory and sometimes causing a delay in reporting on the samples.

It is therefore urged that samples be sent in as early as possible to avoid this delay and to enable the farmer to replace his seed who thereby finds it unfit for use.

Widening Boundaries

Tales of the new Peace River country are reminiscent of the stories of Manitoba wonders brought to the "folks 'down east" by the hardy adventurers of the '80's. A Vancouverite who recently returned from a trip to "Ground" the capital, relates of its growth in a few months from 500 to 2,000. He relates that the soil of this far off region of illimitable extent is as fertile as the best in Canada. Before the land was opened for homesteading, it was taken up by scores of squatters, three hundred miles beyond the end of steel. Thus do the boundaries of the West widen and grow with the passage of time and the persistence of the adventurous homeseeker. The last reports indicate a rush to Fort McMurray, far up

on the Athabasca, where the eager homeseekers are trekking with all their possessions to the new land, in the hope of making a fortune.

Not even the grizzly bear and the daring trapper of the utmost wildernesses are safe from the encroachments of the plow and the reaper. Man in his search for food is the strongest animal of all.

South Buffalo Lake

[Intended for last week]

A number of our residents went to the entertainment at the Ripley school house on the 23rd inst. The position of chairman was ably filled by Mr. Rev. Leslie of Aix, his witty remarks from time to time furnishing fuel for all the contestants passed off without a hitch and reflects credit on both teacher and pupils. Little Miss Marjory Mann age 5, sang a song about Dolly who was immune from so young a child. The music furnished by Messrs MacKirdy Bros., of Mirror, and Mrs. J. H. Stettler was a treat to those present. Miss MacKirdy who sang a song at the close of the entertainment received hearty applause. Santa Claus turned up and made the children happy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, of Stettler, spent Xmas at Lake-side ranch.

Your correspondent wishes the Journal and all readers a prosperous New Year.

History repeats itself. Harper's Weekly has brought to light the fact that our pure food law labels are old and antique. In 900 B. C. the ancient Hebrews made the wholesale grocers and wine dealers of their day put such seals and labels on their wine and oil jars. They stated when the wine was distilled in the cellars and where the wine came from. On the oil jars the label read "A jar of pure oil," with the name of the district producing it. Seventy-five of these records were found. They show that even in the days of King Ahab the government protected the stomachs of its citizens.

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